

RIVERSIDE BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
318 Country Club Drive
Ellwood City, PA 16117

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2018
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/VOTING MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: David Bender, Katie Chrobak, Seth Foley, Michael Garvin, Christy Hughes, Shawn Plassmeyer, Roger Radevski, Dr. David Steinbach and Charles Sterner

Also Present: Dr. David Anney, Bret Trotta, Debbie Brandstetter, Gregory Fox, Michael Brooks, Alicia Dwyer, Steve Girting and approximately 30 visitors.

- 1.2 • Minutes: It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 combined Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting.

Motion to approve item 1.2 made by Mr. Plassmeyer, second by Mr. Foley

Roll Call: Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach and Mr. Sterner voted yes. Motion carried – 9 Yes, 0 No

School Board President Shawn Plassmeyer informed those in attendance that the Board met prior to the meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

- 1.3 Superintendent's Report – Dr. Anney introduced Assistant Superintendent Bret Trotta who spoke to be Board and public about technology purchases related to the Districts wireless infrastructure improvements being funded primarily with Federal e-Rate funding.

- 1.4 Assistant Superintendent's Report - Riverside Beaver County School District intends to purchase, subject to e-Rate approval, several switches, access points, and licenses to complete the wireless internet connection throughout the elementary, middle and high school. Using the PEPPM mini-bid process, ePlus Technologies, Newton, PA, bid \$48,693.41 and was evaluated using criteria such as price, 100% cloud managed, interoperability with existing equipment and previous vendor experience. Pending E-rate we will receive a 70% discount which will reduce our financial responsibility to \$14,608.02. We had one other bid which did not completely meet our evaluation criteria.

- 1.5 PTO Report – None

- 1.6 Visitors - Public to Be Heard Visitors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
Zadock Dismuke	Marion Township	School Security
Jason Woods	Franklin Township	School Security/SRO

Mr. Plassmeyer addressed those in attendance and reassured them that the safety and security of

our students, staff and visitors is vitally important to the Board and administration. He informed the audience that a school safety committee would be in place by the end of the week. The committee would be reaching out to community leaders and law enforcement as they evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the District in an effort to ensure appropriate measures are in place for the safety and security of the students and staff.

2. FINANCE/TAX ADVISORY/FOOD SERVICE

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairperson Roger Radevski – No Report

- 2.1• Treasurer's Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the treasurer's report for January 2018.
- 2.2• Payment of Bills: It is recommended that the Board ratify and/or approve for payment the following general fund bills
 - a. January 2018 wire transfers \$320,409.84
 - b. January 2018 invoices \$356,120.69
 - c. February 2018 invoices \$675,277.24
- 2.3 • Cafeteria Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the cafeteria fund treasurer's report for January 2018.
- 2.4 • Cafeteria Bills: It is recommended that the Board ratify the January checks issued for cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$985.31 and approve the February invoices to be paid in the amount of \$ 42,478.84.
- 2.5 • Activity Fund Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the activity fund report for January 2018.
- 2.6 • Per Capita Tax Exemption: It is recommended that the Board approve the 2018 Per Capita Tax Exemption Forms as presented.
- 2.7 • School Dentist: It is recommended that the Board appoint Bradley J. Brown, DDS to be the District dental examiner for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per exam and to approve the accompanying agreement.
- 2.8 • School Physician: It is recommended that the Board appoint Sharon Dawso, M.D. to be the District medical examiner for State mandated physical exams during the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$15.00 per exam and to approve the accompanying agreement.
- 2.9 • Budget Transfers: It is recommended that the Board approve Budget Transfers for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.
- 2.10 • E-Rate PEPPM Mini Bid - It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from ePlus Technologies in the amount of \$48,693.41 for pending E-Rate approved technology purchases, with the District's portion of the cost equal to 30% or \$14,608.02.
- 2.11 • 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements: It is recommended that the Board approve the Audit Report for the school year ended June 30, 2017 as prepared and presented by Cottrill Arbutina, Certified Public Accountants.

Motion to approve items 2.1 to 2.11 made by Mr. Sterner, second by Mr. Radevski
Roll Call: Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner and Mr. Bender voted yes. Motion carried 9 Yes, 0 No

3. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/FUTURE PLANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairperson Seth Foley – No Report

- 3.1 • ROAR Rest Area Center Agreement: It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Riverside Outdoor Athletic Renovation related to the construction of a Rest Area Center to be located near the football field.
- 3.2 • ROAR Rest Area Center Advertising: It is recommended that the Board approve a 10 year maximum limit on major advertisements for the ROAR Field House after it is constructed. Major advertisers will be named in the near future.

Motion to approve items 3.1 and 3.2 made by Mr. Foley, second by Mr. Bender
Roll Call: Mr. Foley, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender and Mrs. Chrobak voted yes. Motion carried 9 Yes, 0 No

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- ❖ All four locker room showers in the high school have been upgraded with new stem hardware and work great without leaks.
- ❖ The HS wood shop area has new LED lighting financed by the EC Forge grant.
- ❖ The middle school circuit room cables have been protected by a new cover placed over it preventing moisture and erosion.
- ❖ Kindergarten relocation timeline is in place. The preparation will begin in March and if all goes well conclude the end of July including a new Kindergarten playground facility.

4. EDUCATION & PERSONNEL

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairperson Chuck Sterner – No Report

Commendations:

- Congratulations to the January top five Accelerated Reader point earners for 2017-2018:

1 st Grade – Alexis Sherer	2 nd Grade – Cody Haffey
3 rd Grade – Angel Creese	4 th Grade – Luke Nelson
5 th Grade – Roslyn Steinbach	

- Congratulations to:
 - **Catherine Kohlman** - Riverside High School Student of the Month.
 - **Spencer McNeill & Trevor McNeill** for participated in the PMEA District 5 Jazz Band on February 3rd. Spencer earned the highest score for alto saxophone and Trevor earned the percussion spot in the 3rd of three bands.
 - 8th grader **Kassidy Schlemmer** and 7th grader **Lizzie Frazer** for earning spots in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association District 5 Junior High Honors Band.

- Riverside Middle School students for participating in the Fourth Annual Forensics Meet on February 6th that was hosted by Riverside Beaver County. Participating were more than 40 students from Riverside, Ambridge, Central Valley, Blackhawk, Ellwood City, and Hopewell. Four students took home awards for their efforts:
 - Duo News Broadcast – Junior High – 1st Place winners **Maddie Dimeo** and **Jenna Haysen**
 - Duo News Broadcast – Senior High – 1st Place winners **Hannah O’Connell** and **Amanda Young**
 - Extemporaneous – Senior High – 1st Place winner **Hannah O’Connell**
 - Riverside Middle School students for participated in the Lawrence County Forensics competition on February 13th. Three students took home awards for their efforts.
 - Duo News Broadcast – Junior High – 1st Place winners **Maddie Dimeo** and **Jenna Haysen**
 - Demonstration Speech – 3rd Place winner **Jenna Haysen**
 - Impromptu – 2nd Place winner – **Tess Hardin**
 - **Riverside Girls Basketball team** for qualifying for the WPIAL Playoffs. Their first round game is tomorrow vs. Seton LaSalle High School at 6:30 p.m. at North Hills High School.
 - **Riverside Boys Basketball team** for qualifying for the WPIAL Playoffs and for their win Friday night. The team will play Aliquippa High School on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Ambridge High School.
 - **Riverside Boys Swim Team** for placing 3rd at MAC last weekend and for qualifying for the WPIAL competition starting next week. Our medley relay team is seeded 2nd and the 200 free and 400 free relay teams are seeded 4th. Individual event swimmers are:
 - **Dean Kralic** – 100 Fly (Seeded 1st)
 - **Dylan Griffith** – 100 Breast
 - **Donnie Paracca** – 50 Free
 - **Josiah Shaffer** – 100 Back
 - **Hunter Nulph** – 100 Free
 - **Hayden Panek** – 500 Free
- Riverside is holding the lead in **Beaver County for Math League** scores, remaining ahead of Ambridge, Beaver, and Quigley. Congratulations! Thanks to Mr. Hall, Mr. Houston, and Mrs. Hoyman of the high school math department for participating.
- Riverside Mock Trial Team Results:
- On January 18, 2018 the Plaintiff Team defeated Hopewell’s Defense team.
 - **Hannah O’Connell** – Best Advocate
 - **Kenzie Otlowski** – Best Witness
 - **Morgan Deiseroth**
 - **Kate Coyne**
 - **Abbie Kline**
 - **Ari Kendra**
 - On January 29, 2018, in a very close match, the Defense Team lost to Ambridge.
 - **Brenden Plutnicki** – Best Advocate
 - **John Hohman**
 - **Amanda Young**
 - **Michelle Krug** – Best Witness
 - **Nikki McDowell**

- **Morgan Zagorski**
- On February 5, 2018 the Defense Team defeated Beaver 3.
 - **Brenden Plutnicki** – Best Advocate
 - **Michelle Krug** – Best Witness
- On February 12, 2018 the Plaintiff Team lost to Beaver 1.
 - **Kate Coyne** – Best Advocate
 - **Kenzie Otlowski** – Best Witness
- 4.1 • Released Time/Field Trips: It is recommended that the Board approve the list of requests for released time and field trips as presented.
- 4.2 • Leave of Absence: It is recommended that the Board approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for a District employee from February 28, 2018 through May 30, 2018.
- 4.3 • Substitutes: It is recommended that the Board approve the following substitute employees for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances have been received unless otherwise noted.
 - **Patricia Stuart – Nurse Substitute**
 - **Lisa Nash – Nurse Substitute (Pending Clearances)**
 - **Barbara Ellis – Support Substitute (Pending Clearances)**
- 4.4 • Volunteer Coach: It is recommended that the Board approve the following people to be volunteer coaches for the spring sports season. All clearances have been received unless otherwise noted.
 - **David Sullivan – Track**
 - **John Wetzel – Track**
 - **Maria Zilka - Track**
 - **Demari Garth – Softball**
 - **Chad Dwyer – Baseball**
 - **Bruce Prisutta – Baseball**
 - **Tyler Falk – Baseball**
 - **Paul Boehm – Baseball**
 - **Bob Garvin – Baseball (Pending Clearances)**
 - **Bob Householder – Boys Tennis**
- 4.5 • Homebound Instruction: It is recommended that the Board approve homebound instruction for a third grade student from January 4, 2018 to February 8, 2018.
- 4.6 • Homebound Instruction: It is recommended that the Board approve homebound instruction for a fourth grade student for a three-week period in January-February.
- 4.7 • Contract Addendum: It is recommended that the Board approve the contract addendum for the business administrator/board secretary.
- 4.8 • 2018-2019 School Calendar: It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2018-2019 school year proposed calendar as presented.
- 4.9 • High School Course of Studies: It is recommended that the Board approve the course of studies for Riverside High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to approve items 4.1 to 4.9 made by Dr. Steinbach, second by Mr. Sterner
Roll Call: Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak and Mr. Foley voted yes. Motion carried 9 Yes, 0 No

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- ❖ **David Piecuch** has resigned as JR. High Assistant Football Coach effective 1/15/18.
- ❖ The **Hunter Safety class** will be offered March 26th and 27th in the middle school.
- ❖ A fundraiser to help with the medical expenses for Anthony Tollari was held on Saturday, February 3rd. A special thanks to all who attended and to those who worked to make the evening a huge success including Ron Saul, Dave Brunger, Shane Kirkham, Max Connolly, Sarah Annarumo, emcee Woodrow Hughes and video producer/editor Brandon George.

5. ATHLETIC/RECREATION

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairperson Michael Garvin

Three weeks ago Mr. Garvin met with the Athletic Director from Ellwood City S.D. to discuss the possibility of a sports co-op for swimming and wrestling. The potential co-op agreement would mean that Riverside students could participate in the Ellwood City wrestling program and Ellwood City students could participate in the Riverside swimming program. Mr. Garvin has spoken with several Ellwood City school board members who are in favor of this type of cooperative agreement. He also noted that the coaches are excited about the prospects of this joint venture. More information will follow in the future with the goal of putting an agreement in place for the school boards to vote on.

6. TRANSPORTATION/POLICY

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairperson Christy Hughes – No Report

6.1• Approval of Bus Drivers: It is recommended that the Board approve the following First Student drivers for the 2017-2018 school year, all clearances have been received.

- **Karen Esoldo-Chumura**
- **James Graham**
- **Elizabeth Weil**

6.2• Distribution of Materials: It is recommended that the Board approve the following material for distribution to students:

- **Ellwood Area Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Ellwood City Farmers' Market**
- **St. Patrick's Day Run sponsored by RHS Girls Softball**

Motion to approve items 6.1 and 6.2 made by Mrs. Hughes, second by Mr. Foley
Roll Call: Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley and Mr. Garvin voted yes. Motion carried 9 Yes, 0 No

7. NEGOTIATIONS/INSURANCE – No Report

8. BOARD BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

❖ School will now be in session on the following snow make-up days: **April 3 & May 11**

8.1 New Board Business - None

<u>Visitors:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
	Leslie Richards	Franklin Township	School Safety & Security
	Jennifer Bender	North Sewickley Township	School Safety & Security
	Joe O'Sche	North Sewickley Township	School Safety & Security
	Mandy Ondek	Franklin Township	School Safety & Security

8.3 Meeting Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Plassmeyer with a unanimous voice vote in favor of adjournment.